

## BIANCAMARIA CORI

JULY 1, 1952.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House and ordered to be printed

Mr. WALTER, from the Committee on the Judiciary, submitted the following

### REPORT

[To accompany S. 2249]

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2249) for the relief of Biancamaria Cori, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

#### PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to grant to the minor adopted alien child of a citizen of the United States the status of a nonquota immigrant, which is the status normally enjoyed by the alien minor children of United States citizens.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

The beneficiary of the bill is a 12-year-old native and citizen of Italy who was adopted in Italy on March 23, 1950, by Mr. and Mrs. Domenic Cory. Mr. Cory died on February 24, 1951.

A letter, with attached memorandum, dated April 14, 1952, to the chairman of the Senate Committee on the Judiciary from the Deputy Attorney General, with reference to the case, reads as follows:

APRIL 10, 1952.

HON. PAT McCARRAN,  
*Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary,  
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR: This is in response to your request for the views of the Department of Justice relative to the bill (S. 2249) for the relief of Biancamaria Cori, an alien. The bill would make the alien eligible for admission to the United States as a nonquota immigrant.

A memorandum prepared by the Immigration and Naturalization Service setting forth the facts in the case is attached.

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The question of granting a preference or nonquota status in the issuance of an immigration visa to adopted alien children of United States citizens is a general one which should be resolved by general legislation. However, whether in this particular case there should be an exception to the general law is a question of policy on which the Department of Justice prefers to make no recommendation.

Sincerely,

A. DEVITT VANECH,  
Deputy Attorney General.

MEMORANDUM OF INFORMATION FROM IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION  
SERVICE FILES RE BIANCAMARIA CORI, BENEFICIARY OF S. 2249

The alien, Biancamaria Cori, is a minor female, who was born about 12 years ago in Italy. She has never resided in the United States. According to Mrs. Mary Cory, a naturalized citizen of the United States, the alien was adopted by her and her late husband in 1950.

Mrs. Cory stated that she and her deceased husband were unable to have children of their own and had decided in 1949, while on a vacation trip to Italy, to adopt a child in that country. They were directed to Biancamaria, who was not related to them by blood and whom they had never seen or heard of before their first meeting. Adoption proceedings were started in Italy in 1949 before they left for the United States, and the final decree was sent them in 1950. The girl's parents are not known. The alien has been residing in Italy with Mrs. Cory's niece since the adoption, and Mrs. Cory is sending money, food, and clothing for her support.

Mrs. Cory also stated that she has assets of \$27,000 in cash, bonds, and in a mortgage she retained on a home she sold. She is employed at a salary of \$65 to \$70 a week.

The alien is chargeable to the Italian quota which is oversubscribed and an immigration visa is not readily obtainable.

Senator Paul H. Douglas, the author of the bill, has submitted numerous letters, affidavits, and recommendations in connection with the case, among which is the following affidavit of the adoptive mother:

## AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

County of Cook, ss:

Maria Core, also known as Mary Cory, after first being duly sworn on oath, deposes and says that she resides at 3204 North Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Ill. Affiant further states that she was born at Penne, Province of Pescara, Italy, March 29, 1901.

Affiant further states that she entered the United States, at the port of New York, N. Y., on or about November 4, 1920, on steamship *Niagara*, and has lived in the United States continuously ever since.

Affiant further states that she is a citizen of the United States and holds certificate of naturalization No. 4667942 issued to her on the 8th day of November 1939 by the United States district court at Chicago, Ill.

Affiant further states that she is the surviving widow of Domenic Cory, to whom she was married on or about April 25, 1925, at Chicago, Ill., and that as a result of said marriage there were no children born.

Affiant further states that on or about July 2, 1949, she and her late husband sailed for Italy for the purpose of adopting an orphan.

That upon arriving in Italy they did in fact adopt one Biancamaria Core, the child of unknown parents, 8 years of age, homeless.

That pursuant to adoption proceedings completed in Italy on the 23d day of March 1950, the said Biancamaria Core became the child of this affiant.

That affiant and her late husband returned to the United States in August 1949, and subsequently, the said Domenic Cory, died on the 24th day of February 1951. That this affiant is left alone and that it would be to the mutual advantage and comfort of this affiant and her adopted child that they be united.

Affiant further states that for the past 18 years she has been employed by Sternstein Bros. tailoring firm, as a seamstress, located at 500 South Troop Street, Chicago, Ill., and that her net average earnings are \$50.26 per week.

Affiant further states that she has on deposit with the various banks and loan associations in Chicago approximately \$15,000, and also is the owner of a mortgage in the amount of \$7,000 and that she is the owner of United States war bonds in

the amount of \$2,000 maturity value, and therefore well able to receive, support, and educate her adopted child, Biancamaria Core.

Affiant further states that she is not engaged in any activities, political or otherwise, and that her only affiliation is that of being a member of St. Michael Church, located at Twenty-fourth Place, between Oakley and Western Avenues, Chicago, Ill.

Affiant further states that she has never been arrested either in Italy or in the United States or convicted of any offense whatsoever.

MARIA CORE.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of November 1951:

[SEAL]

HORATIO TOCCO,  
*Notary Public.*

It would seem that only by virtue of Biancamaria Core having passed her tenth birthday a year or so ago she is not eligible to enter the United States under the orphan provisions of the Displaced Persons Act.

The committee, after consideration of all the facts in the case, is of the opinion that the bill (S. 2249) should be enacted.

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